

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace all prior listing of claim sets with that which appears below where Claims 36-37 and 48 have been amended to read as follows:

Claims 1-35. (Cancelled).

36. (Currently Amended) A thermosetting resin composition for adhering materials with dissimilar coefficients of thermal expansion comprising:

- a) a benzoxazine compound in liquid form at room temperature,
- b) thermoset compounds including epoxy, cyanate ester, maleimide, acrylate, methacrylate, vinyl ether, styrenic, vinyl ester, propargyl ether, diallylamide, aromatic acetylene, benzocyclobutene, thiolenes, maleate, oxazoline, and itaconate,
- c) optionally, one or more anti-oxidants, bleed control agents, fillers, diluents, coupling agents, adhesion promoters, flexibilizers, dyes and pigments, and
- d) a cure initiator.

37. (Currently Amended) A method for enhancing adhesive strength of a thermosetting resin composition between materials with dissimilar coefficients of thermal expansion, said method comprising the step of:

incorporating an effective amount of a benzoxazoin compound in liquid form at room temperature into a composition comprising thermoset compounds including epoxy, cyanate ester, maleimide, acrylate, methacrylate, vinyl ether, styrenic, vinyl ester, propargyl ether, diallylamide, aromatic acetylene, benzocyclobutene, thiolenes, maleate, oxazoline, and itaconate; optionally, one or more anti-oxidants, bleed control agents, fillers, diluents, coupling agents, adheson promoters, flexibilizers, dyes and pigments, and a cure initiator.

38. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 37, wherein one of the materials with dissimilar coefficients of thermal expansion has a metallic surface to which the thermosetting resin composition is adhered.

39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 38, wherein said metallic surface is copper.

40. (Previously Presented) A method for adhesively attaching a first substrate to a second substrate, said method comprising the steps of

providing the first substrate,
providing the second substrate,

providing a thermosetting resin composition according to claim 37 positioned between said first and second substrates and curing the composition therebetween.

41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein said first substrate is a semiconductor die and said second substrate is circuit board.

42. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein said first substrate is a semiconductor die and said second substrate has a metallic surface, which is a lead frame.

43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein said lead frame is a copper lead frame.

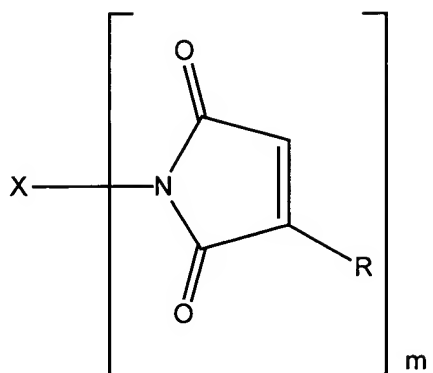
44. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 36, wherein said maleimide is in liquid form.

45. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 36, wherein said filler is conductive.

46. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 36, wherein said filler is electrically conductive.

47. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 36, wherein said filler is thermally conductive.

48. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 36, wherein said maleimide has the structure:



wherein:

m is 1-3,

each R is independently hydrogen or lower alkyl,

and

X is a ~~saturated~~ straight chain alkyl, alkylene, or alkylene oxide, or branched chain alkyl, alkylene or alkylene oxide, optionally containing ~~saturated~~ cyclic moieties as substituents on said alkyl, alkylene or alkylene oxide chain or as part of the backbone of the alkyl, alkylene or alkylene oxide chain.